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## **RESPONSE**

In response to the action mailed October 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

## In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, the above coating fluid composition further includes additives that enhance the properties, e.g., physical and/or mechanical, of the cured, polymerized coating such as flexibility and resistance to delamination and cracking. A preferred additive is a polyol, e.g., 1,4 butanediol (V), that can crosslink with the resin during the polycondensation reaction, thereby enhancing the flexibility of the polymer coating (VI).

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